



SAN JUAN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE



- SJCI is a community based non-profit Center for Independent Living that was established by people with disabilities FOR people with disabilities. CIL's offer 5 core services including Peer Support, IL Skills Training, Advocacy, I&R, and Transition Services.
- SJCI also offers a variety of other services and promotes and protects the rights of people with disabilities within our community.
- Our main office, located in Farmington NM serves San Juan County.

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SJCI has a satellite office located in Gallup New Mexico that provides services in McKinley County.

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SJCI has a satellite office located in Albuquerque New Mexico that serves the Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, San Felipe, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, and Zia Pueblos.

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Services and Supports

SJCI has been active in advocating and both the local and the national level.

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Local and State Advocacy

SJCI has participated in Freedom Days, an annual event held in Santa Fe during Legislation. This provides an opportunity for consumers to learn about current issues and voice their opinions and concerns.



In January of 2012 SJCI invited Congressman Ben Ray Lujan to visit the center and meet with consumers.



National Advocacy



For many years SJCI has been active with National ADAPT. ADAPT is a grass-roots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in non-violent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.

Procurement Program

The SJCI Procurement Program assists consumers across New Mexico in obtaining assistive devices that will assist consumer with living more independent life styles.

Wheelchairs, ramps for homes, hand controls, hearing aids, and home modifications have all been offered

through this Program.



Alternative Loan Program

Access Loan New Mexico

- ALNM will provide loans with a lower interest rate through a bank partnership. ALNM will also provide loan guarantees and make direct consumer loans so that people with

disabilities and their families may purchase assistive technology and/or services.



PERSONAL CARE Services (PCS)

Services May include-

- Bathing, dressing, grooming, and toileting
- Meal Preparation and eating
- Transportation
- Transfers and mobility
- Household and support services
- Communication and cognitive assistance

San Juan Center for Independence acts as the fiscal intermediary, NOT the employer.

The consumer is the employer.



You are not told when to eat, what to eat, when to go to bed, when to take a shower, or even who will provide services to you. You can choose your own attendant such as eligible family and friends.

Nursing Home Transition

The bedrock of the independent living movement is in assisting individuals with significant disabilities who receive Medicaid to transition from nursing homes and other institutions to community living.



SJCI has Independent Living Specialists (ILS) who work along with the resident to create a comprehensive plan for transitioning to community living.

The transition plan will include locating housing, budgeting, community support systems and home health services.



**New
Mexico
SeedLoans
Program**

THE NEW MEXICO SEED LOAN PROGRAM

Is available to small businesses owned by individuals with disabilities and provides low interest loans for the purchase of equipment or tools needed to expand or start a business.

Contact the New Mexico Seed Loan Program at **1-855-891-8295** or www.tap.gcd.state.nm.us/seedloans.html for more information.

A low interest loan program of New Mexico GCD.






Youth Transition

SCJI holds an Annual Youth Transition Day for high school students with disabilities to learn about what services are offered in the community once they graduate from high school. We also have a ton of fun!!!










Summer Youth Program



The Summer Youth Program was developed for Middle School and High School students with disabilities as an opportunity to meet new people, enjoy some fun and games, and maybe even learn something along the way.



Peer Mentor Support Program

SJCI offers a peer mentor program where Peer Mentors provide consumers with valuable "been there" information.



Peers play a big role in the recreational and support group activities provided by SJCI.



Monthly Activities

Each month SJCI hosts various activities including Cooking Classes, Crochet Classes, Dinners, and Bingo.



Parties and Picnics

SJCI hosts an Annual Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Valentines Party, and ADA Celebration Picnic.



Camping and Fishing

SJCI also hosts an Annual Camping and Fishing Trip.



Rafting and Skiing



Each year SJCI works with Adaptive Sports in Durango to do both a skiing trip in the winter and a rafting trip in the summer.



Adaptive P.E.

SJCI works with San Juan College to provide scholarships for an Adaptive P.E. class for people with disabilities at the HHPC on the San Juan College Campus.



Collaboration and Networking

SJCI participated in outreach efforts with various groups such, ALTSD, LaFamila, ARC, People First, NNMCC Public Health, Job Corps, Shiprock Outreach Program, BHP Billiton, Personal Care Attendant Training, Shop with Cops, and Autism Support Group.



Other Services

During Tax Season SJCI collaborates with AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers to offer free tax help to qualifying individuals.



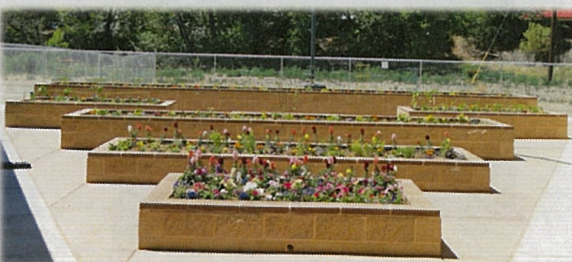
GIVING BACK....

At SJCI we believe in giving back to the community. This can happen in many ways. For example, SJCI has provided transportation for people to special events such as graduations and holidays and staff members have worked together to build ramps for consumers.



SJCI is very proud of the accessible garden that provides food for consumers.

Other Fun Stuff...



More Fun Stuff...

SJCI has worked with the ARC and local artists to host Art Workshops for people with disabilities and others in the community.



Oscar and Garfunkel



SJCI rescued Oscar who had been abandoned in the dumpsters behind the building. Garfunkel was another stray who's loving nature won over everyone at SJCI. They now call San Juan Center their home.

Accessible Sensory Playground



San Juan Center for Independence has built an Accessible Sensory Playground that offers an inclusive area for children to play whether they have a disability or not.



Harmony Park

SJCI has installed a Harmony Park to provide entertainment and music therapy for consumers.



At San Juan Center
for Independence
We work hard, play
hard, and have a
whole lot of fun!

